

Int'l survey: Pinoys most aware of global warming

FILIPINOS WITH ACCESS TO THE INTERNET ARE among the people most aware of global warming, according to a survey by a multinational consumer research group.

The ACNielsen "Online Consumer Opinion Survey," conducted last November, covered 25,408 Internet users from 47 countries and territories in Europe, North America, Asia Pacific

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Batangas bishop talks like a 'true Vilmanian'

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE MAN OF THE CLOTH MADE IT CLEAR HE was not pro-Vilma but the words he uttered could only have come from a true Vilmanian.

Batangas' top Catholic official, Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles, in an interview yesterday, ascribed to Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos virtues he said people wanted of a leader—sincerity,

BATANGAS/ A6

Palace sits on exec's case

Antigraft body seeks ouster of gov't printing head, elder brother of Evardone

By Norman Bordadora

MALACAÑANG APPEARS TO BE SITTING ON AT LEAST TWO recommendations by the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission to dismiss the director of the National Printing Office (NPO) for graft and procurement violations, according to PAGC documents furnished the INQUIRER.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita has yet to approve or disapprove the commission's two separate recommendations for NPO director Felipe Evardone's dismissal despite resolutions made in late January and transmitted to the Office of the President early the following month.

Evardone is the elder brother of Eastern Samar Gov. Ben Evardone, the newly appointed media director of the administration's Team Unity senatorial ticket.

The NPO is mandated by Executive Order No. 285 to print the government's standard and accountable forms, including election paraphernalia such as official ballots, election returns (ERs) and certificates of canvass (COCs).

The documents were made available by a

PALACE/ A6



THE CASE against Felipe Evardone is contained in the resolution. "Mystery" man has his back to the camera.

Antiterror law: For bombers only



THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR. President Arroyo assures the nation after signing the Human Security Act, better known as the Antiterror Law. AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon agrees. It took 12 years and 3 Congresses for the law to be in place.

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE LONG-SOUGHT ANTITERROR LAW yesterday was signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo, who said it would be used "against bombers and not protesters."

Republic Act No. 9372 or the Human Security Act (HSA) of 2007—which, Malacañang said took 12 years and three Congresses to pass—will come into effect two months after the May 14 elections, supposedly to prevent its abuse by authorities against the opposition. It will be automatically suspended one month before and two months after every election, in keeping with the amendment inserted by Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

But militant groups were quick to denounce the HSA, saying it would infringe on basic civil rights.

"The building blocks of martial law are here—widespread political killings, the militarization of Metro Manila, and now a law that can violate the people's right to privacy, movement, security of person and political affiliation," Bagong Alyansang Makabayan secretary general Renato Reyes said in an Inauguration protest rally at Plaza Miranda.

Elsewhere, Joel Maglunsod, secretary general of Kilusang Mayo Uno, warned that the government would "use the law to stop and suppress all forms of legitimate crusades by the people against antipeople policies."

"Let's not allow Ms Arroyo to bury our democracy for good," he said in calling on civil libertarians to unite and fight the HSA.

In a statement, Sen. Jinggoy Madrigal said the new law was "a license to kill."

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TRILLANES WAS HERE. At the Makati RTC on Tuesday for the hearing of the Oakwood mutineers allegedly led by Navy Lt. Antonio Trillanes.

Lakas-CMD backs Vi; Kampi for Sanchez

By Michael Lim Ubac and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE JOCKEYING BETWEEN Lakas-CMD and Kampi for the control of key provinces in the country is perhaps nowhere more intense than in Batangas.

Yesterday, Lakas endorsed Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos as its gubernatorial candidate while Kampi is backing for reelectionist Gov. Armando Sanchez. (Story above.)

The two political parties belong to the ruling coalition.

Lakas-CMD said Santos would be its official candidate for governor should she decide to seek the highest elective post in Batangas.

"Definitely (Santos belongs to the) Lakas party," Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, the Lakas chair for Southern Tagalog which includes Batangas, told reporters yesterday.

Ermita pointed out that Santos was the party chair for Lipa.

Santos, an actress-turned-politician, hinted that she would run for governor when she told her supporters Monday that she would make her decision within the week, not as a wife or mother, but as a leader of the people.

Ermita's son Edwin, a banker, is planning on being Santos' running mate.

Ermita announced his preference for Santos hours after Vice Gov. Ricky Recto announced over ANC that he would not give way to Santos and still run for governor. (Story on Page A8.)

Ricky, the older brother of Santos' husband, reelectionist Sen. Ralph Recto, is expected to run as the gubernatorial candidate of the Genuine Opposition.

Ermita said he was not "speaking for the national government" when he claimed that it would be logical to choose Santos over Ricky or Sanchez as the Lakas gubernatorial candidate.

LAKAS-CMD/ A6

'DOA' IN PHILADELPHIA

They went all the way to US to learn what 'final' means

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

IT TOOK A TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA FOR them to learn what the word "final" means.

It means that the nurses who passed the leak-tainted June 2006 licensure examination will have to retake portions of the exam—or they can kiss their American dream goodbye.

That was the message the US Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) delivered to members of a Philippine team that President Macapagal-Arroyo sent to Philadelphia to make an appeal in behalf of the Filipino nurses.

The team failed to convince CGFNS officials to reconsider their decision to bar the affected nurses from working in the United States unless they retook Tests 3 and 5 of the exam, according to a member of the team and to a CGFNS statement posted on its website yesterday.

"After listening to and reviewing the concerns of the delegation, (our officials) explained that CGFNS' decision was based on the requirements of US law and was not subject to renegotiation or further review," the CGFNS said.

It also advised Filipino officials to start working on the voluntary retake of the exam.

"The sooner the responsible authorities in the Philippines move forward to implement the steps for (a retake), without the need for Philippine nurses to surrender their current licenses in order to do so, the better it will be for all concerned," the CGFNS said.

Asked if the notice posted on the website was correct, the president of the anti-retake Alliance of New Nurses, Renato Aquino, a member of the Filipino delegation, told the INQUIRER: "Yes, it is."

The two sides met for three and a half hours.

"We were able to explain our side," Aquino said from Philadelphia. He stressed that the delegation members paid their own way.

"No government spending (here)," he said.

In its statement, the CGFNS said it had closely monitored what happened during last year's exam. It said it had seen a fact-

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Revilla leaves DNA samples with NBI in case of paternity claims

By Nini Valera
Entertainment

FORMER ACTOR AND SEN. RAMON Revilla Sr. left samples of his DNA with the National Bureau of Investigation so that anybody claiming to be his child after he dies could be tested against it.

Revilla, who turns 80 on Thursday, told the INQUIRER on Monday that he had a DNA test five years ago to determine the paternity of a child whose mother claimed he had fathered.

"I was then 75," he said in Filipino. "I couldn't believe that I would still be able to father a child. So I had our DNAs tested, including the DNA of the child's mother. When the results came, the DNA matched. I am, indeed, the child's father."

The child, a girl, is now in pre-school, Revilla said.

"She's a very bright girl," he said, beaming.

According to urban legend, Revilla has fathered at least a hundred children by different women.

"I don't have that many children," he said. "My daughter, Andrea (by wife Azucena Mercel), keeps a list, and it's far less than a hundred."

He said that he stipulated in his will that anyone claiming to be his child should undergo a DNA test.

Revilla admitted that he was not proud of having fathered dozens of children by different women.

"I should not be admired for this," he said. "It's wrong, very wrong. Although I

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WEATHER FORECAST

AFP: Soldiers in Metro are training

THE MILITARY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL DEployed to some of Metro Manila poorest barangays are there as part of their training before being sent abroad on peacekeeping missions, the military and police said yesterday.

Where's Joker? militants wonder



AROYO

Atong Ang seeks medical leave

By Jocelyn R. Uy



'Nuisance bets' make last-ditch plea to Comelec

By Nikko Dizon

No campaign trail for Gringo

‘Aquino’ name not enough to win, Noynoy told

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

Lots of tools



AQUINO

Rights body to insist on power to see arrested terror suspects

Watered down

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Revilla leaves DNA samples with NBI in case of paternity claims

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Birthday wish

Correction

'APOLOGY NOT ENOUGH'

Explain cash raffle, Chavit told

By Nikko Dizon

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS WILL ask administration senatorial candidate Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson to explain why he raffled off cash prizes in violation of election laws during a provincial campaign sortie last weekend, a Comelec official said yesterday.

Comelec spokesperson James Arthur Jimenez said the poll body would investigate the incident even after Singson apologized for it over the radio.

"His apology doesn't mean that's the end of it. The Comelec will still ask him to explain," Jimenez said.

As of yesterday afternoon, the Comelec commissioners were still discussing the matter, Jimenez said.

Aside from Singson, the organizer of the event that took place in [illegible] would also be asked to explain, he said.

In a radio interview yesterday, Singson, the governor of Ilocos Sur, said he was unaware it was illegal to give away cash prizes during the election period and apologized for any wrongdoing.

Section 104 of the Omnibus Election Code prohibits the giving of donations or gifts in cash or in kind during the election period.

If found guilty of violating the provision, a candidate could face disqualification as well as one to six years in prison and lose his right of suffrage, Jimenez said.

"The chairman (Benjamin Abalos Sr.) and [illegible]," Jimenez said.

He said Abalos and the other commissioners yesterday viewed a tape of the affair, which was brought to the Comelec by a TV reporter.

Singson was seen giving away cash prizes to the winners of a raffle that took place after the administration's Team Unity's "pulong-pulong" (meetings for progress) in [illegible].

The prizes ranged from P500 to P1,000.

In the radio interview, Singson said he did not organize the raffle and that he was asked why one was being held.

He said the event organizers explained that the audience had come from far-flung areas—implying perhaps that they may have incurred travel expenses—and that he was asked to increase the prizes.

Singson said he agreed because he did not want to be thought of as a [illegible]."

Jimenez said the commissioners found Singson's explanation amusing and they appreciated the fact that he had admitted his mistake.

Still, Jimenez said, the Comelec would "look into this whole thing and ask everyone involved to explain."

Palace sits on exec's graft cases

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All election forms

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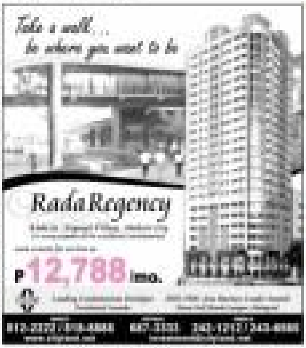
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Very serious problem

Low level of concern

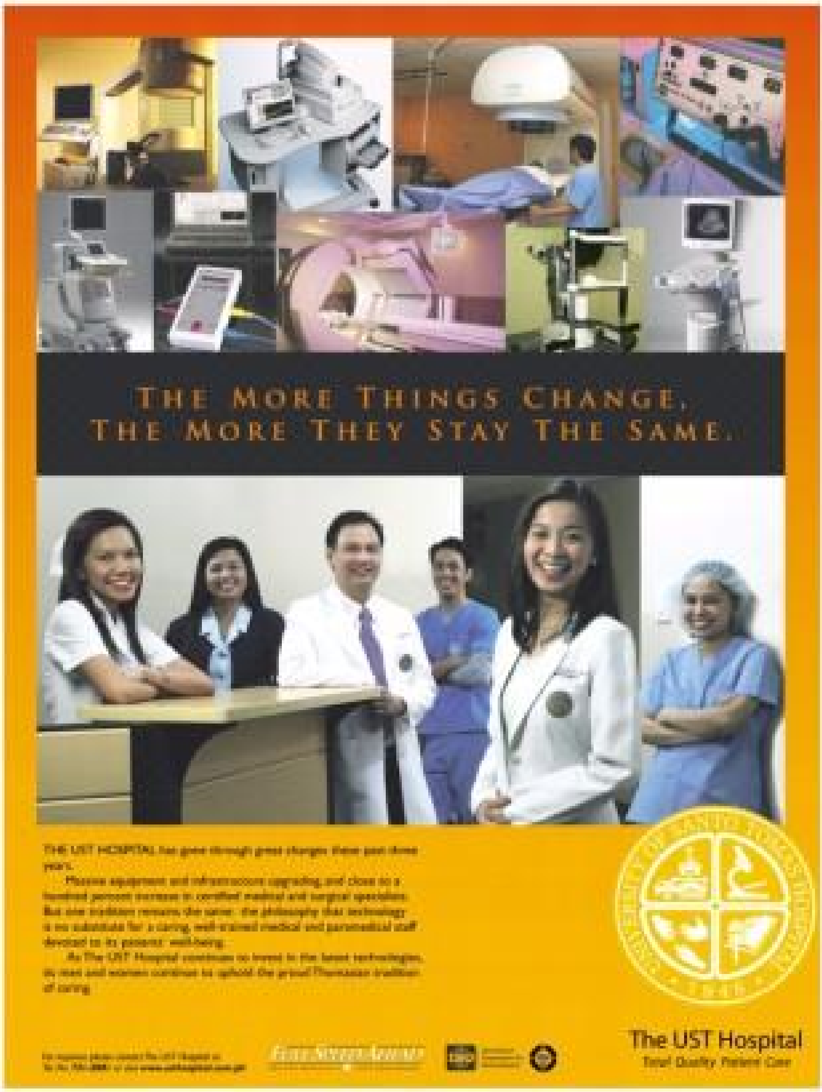


Comelec says voters' info just a text message away





Recto: More gov't lawyers, less backlog in courts



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All but confirmed

Crime syndicates

Palace help not necessary

Batangueños will decide

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Sanchez joins Kampi

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Biggest political party

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Hoping against hope

Early preparations

Magdalo officer to plead guilty

By DJ Yap

GMA leaves Unity fate to local execs



'This is a job for Super 'Tol'

Election Forum to meet today for clean, honest polls

Negros farmers to get land this week

By TJ Burgonio

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Wrong decisions, wrong moves of opposition

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Neal H. Cruz

A couple of things

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Women's paradise?

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Prayer as a tool

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GSIS sensitive to pensioners' circumstances and concerns



Never-ending appeals, soliciting for pity

Clarifying retiree's homestead claim

10 senatorial bets under threat, ask PNP for more bodyguards

By Alcuin Papa

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High profile

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The Daily Gospel

Wednesday, March 7, 2007
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Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

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Elections delaying funds for Guimaras

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THE elections are delaying the release of P800 million in funds earmarked for the rehabilitation of communities that had been devastated by the Petron oil spill in Guimaras, according to President Macapagal-Arroyo's budget secretary.

[illegible]



A FISHERMAN shows his catch—fish blackened by the oil spill. Fish catch declined to less than 2 kg a day as a result of the oil spill.

Bicol cop head says 'jueteng' strong in Albay

[illegible]



ELECTION spending, like the money used for these colored posters of senatorial candidate Pichay, was not likely to cause inflation, according to the government.

Poll spending won't hike prices, says gov't

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THE COUNTRY'S economic officials yesterday assured that increased election spending would not have an inflationary effect.

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Cops ask for reports on vote-buying, fraud

BAGUIO CITY—CORDILLERA POLICE officials have called on voters to report candidates who would buy votes to get elected into office.

[illegible]

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Hometown as literature



(FROM left) National Historical Institute Chair Ambeth Ocampo, F. Sionil Jose, and Rosales Mayor Ricardo Revita.

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Rosales, Pangasinan

ALMOST EVERY MONTH, National Artist for Literature Francisco Sionil Jose would travel from Manila to Pangasinan for four hours to visit his birthplace, a small farming village called Cabugawan in Rosales town.

Jose would travel with journalists, literature students and friends to show and tell them stories of the people, events, places and landmarks that he used as settings in his stories and had helped shape him as a child and eventually as a man of letters.

"I grew up in that small village," Jose proudly told a small audience composed of local government officials, teachers and friends during his most recent homecoming on Feb. 23.

That "small village" and this town would later figure prominently in the pages of Jose's five-novel masterpiece, the Rosales saga, consisting of "The Pretenders," "Tree," "My Brother, My Executioner," "Po-on" and "Mass," and his other works.





F. SIONIL Jose's novels

Jose revisited his hometown as part of the "Pagpupugay," a tribute organized by the University of the Philippines Institute of Creative Writing, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, [illegible] and the Rosales government.

Poignant memories

In his short talk, Jose shared poignant memories of his boyhood, the hardship and the injustice that his family went through and his struggle to get educated and live a better life.

He talked about how he skipped his classes at the Rosales Elementary School to swim in the Agno River and dig [illegible] from the riverbed.

"[illegible]," Jose said.

His mother sold [illegible] and sewed dresses "so we never missed a meal," especially during power or the "hungry" months of June, July, August and September, when [illegible] farmers in his village [illegible] a day—at 10 a.m. and at 4 p.m.

But more than ensuring the family's day-to-day food for survival, his mother also valued education and made sure that Jose would have access to as many books that she could borrow.

"[My mother] went out of her way to get books for me to read because although, if you see her, you would know at once that she was an ordinary peasant woman, the truth of the matter was she finished Grade 7 and she spoke beautiful English. She knew the value of education," Jose said.

His passion for reading would later take him to their school library, where his teacher, [illegible], opened the library to Grade 5 pupils, introducing him to the novels of Dr. Jose Rizal.

"I was so impressed by the Noli [Me Tangere] that when I reached that part where Crispin and Basilio were being accused of theft by the Spaniards, I cried," Jose said.

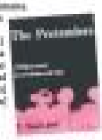
To be able to read at night, Jose said he made a lamp out of [illegible] bottle.

"But sometimes, we didn't have kerosene, so I went to an electric lamp in the corner [of the village] to read," he said.

Jose would leave Rosales in 1938 after an uncle took him to study at Far Eastern University High School in Manila, only to return to his hometown when World War II broke out in 1941.

In 1945, when the American liberation forces reached Rosales, he joined the United States Medical Corps and was stationed near what is now Barangay Pantaon.

That was introduced him to American authors.



"In those days, the [U.S.] Army had so many books available. And that was the only time that I got to read all the novels of [John] Steinbeck and [William] Faulkner," Jose said.

Writing stories

In writing his stories, Jose said he divided his memories—"memories of the past like the tenant farmers, my memories of small town intrigues"—and in doing this, he derived so much from the memory of the simple town where he came from.

"So, I always tell my students to remember where they came from," he said.

Once, he said, he was asked by students: "Why should one write at all?"

"Those of us who are called cultural workers, and I mean not just writers, but poets, musicians, painters—so many of our leaders don't realize. Small talk about [illegible] how important the arts are," he said.

These leaders may have just thought that writers are just entertainers that once they have entertained a person, their job is done, he said.

"No, you misunderstand the function of the arts, of the writer. Ask yourself, [illegible] Miguel Cervantes de Saavedra? [illegible] England kung wala si Shakespeare? [illegible] Filipinas, what would we have been without Rizal [illegible] Miguel Cervantes de Saavedra? What would happen to England without Shakespeare?" he asked.

Cultural foundation

Jose said what the writer, the painter, the composer and all people do, which many of the leaders do not understand, is that they create the cultural foundation of a nation.

"I write because I want to ... give our people memories," he said.

"Perhaps, if we go to ask, if he were alive, Rizal the same question ... he would give you the same answer that I will give you now: I write because my tradition is this small town. And though it is obvious that I cannot come back here to live, I assure you, I never left this Cabugawan, Rosales, Pangasinan," Jose said.



PRETTY SIGHT

Army says 17 MILF men dead in new clashes

Critics asked to give mine firm 100 days

ROUNDUP

Wife killer gets jail term

25 rebels surrender

Help for muscovado producers

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VEGETABLES from Benguet

Defensor, Angara, Villar top list of poster violators

Unveiling the new face of Philippine TV



Digital television in the palm of your hands.

Real-time broadcast TV on the go – anytime, anywhere.

That's the new face of television announced by PLDT and Smart Communications chairman Manuel Pangilinan before a select group of print and broadcast journalists during a media briefing on the PLDT Group's 2006 performance.



"We are introducing a new era of television viewing in the Philippines," Pangilinan said.

Now on test broadcast, this new Mobile TV service is being offered by MediaQuest Holdings in cooperation with mobile service leader Smart Communications.

Initially available in Metro Manila, Cebu and Davao, the test broadcast service offers TV programming that viewers are all familiar with. Nine channels including 24-hour news channels CNN, BBC World and CNBC, sports channel Basketball TV, leisure and entertainment channels such as Jack TV and Fashion TV, and music channel MTV are now available.

"Together with Smart, we aim to revolutionize the way Filipinos watch and enjoy television by delivering their favorite TV shows to their Mobile TV-enabled handset," MediaQuest Holdings President and CEO Orlando Vea said. "We are targeting commercial availability of the service by mid 2007."

People who have tried the service in trials that began last December have been impressed and amazed:

"Ang galing! It's portable and handy. With this, I can watch basketball anywhere I am," a basketball fan said.

"It's so interesting. Parang yung TV nasa bulsa ko," said a student who rushes home from school to catch his favorite soap. With Mobile TV, he adds, he won't mind getting stuck in traffic.

"Very entertaining and convenient! I can use this in my constant travels, especially while waiting at the airport," said one frequent traveler.

PLDT and Smart president and CEO Napoleon Nazareno is bullish about the prospects of Mobile TV. "This service is both very useful and entertaining. Filipinos will love this," he said.









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Bridge reopens after traffic scuttles dry run

Motorists say alternate routes narrow



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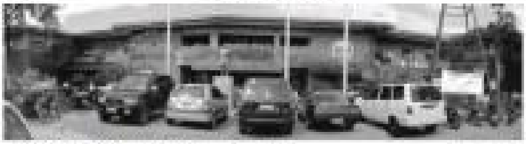
Suspected rob gang members nabbed

CA junks petition on BF gates issue

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Waving the drug-free banner

Alleged illegal recruiter shot dead

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Burglarized

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A huge chunk of the Earth's crust missing

Taiwan test-fires cruise missile capable of striking rival China

Baghdad book market bombing kills 30



Metal thefts in Japan surging

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The WORLD

2 strong quakes jolt Indonesia; 70 killed

PADANG, INDONESIA—TWO STRONG EARTHquakes hit Indonesia's Sumatra island on Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and sending emergency operations into full swing to deal with dozens of injured.

INDONESIA QUAKE



China condemns use of sex slaves by Japanese military

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PRINCESS DIANA



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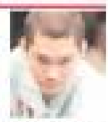
King James spoils Yao comeback A27

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Reyes, Alcano reach final 16



ALCANO: Surge on



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Irresistible posts upset



Realtors take on Express; Phone Pals battle Aces

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Fearless Fighting at Metrowalk Saturday

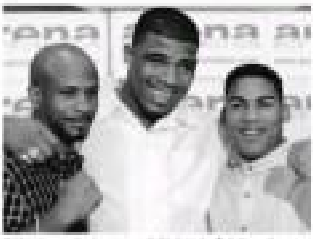
Arcilla, 6 other netters post 2 straight wins

Big-time derby at Las Piñas slated

GCAP 5-cocker kicks off at SJC today

Cocking Academy gets Thunderbird backing

Reyes, Alcano reach last 16



Cuba's Olympic champs defect

Viloria gets title crack after foe's suspension

Federer, has record in his sight



King James spoils Yao comeback

CLEVELAND, OHIO—CHINESE CENTER YAO Ming scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in his first game since December 23 but could not lift the Houston Rockets past LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Escudero eyes PSC remodeling, urges more support for sports



ESCUDERO

Aguilar hopes to get back bike diadem



AGUILAR

Hot Tamaraws sweep college badminton crowns

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Clavecilla's 55 powers Pasga I to Corp Cup lead

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Pangasinan bags 5 golds in athletics



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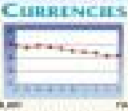
2.6% rate below BSP forecast range

THE COUNTRY'S INFLATION rate slid to a four-year low of 2.6 percent in February from 3.9 percent in January due to softer oil prices and a stronger peso.

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Creditors OK C&P debt swap scheme

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Shares close 0.82% lower





Mergers, acquisitions seen among 'junior' mining firms

Analysts say time is right because of high metal prices

[illegible]

More incentives urged to spur investments

[illegible]

Shares close 0.82% lower

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FREE REGISTRATION!!!



Cebu Pacific, SeAir fighting over routes

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC Zone—An official of Clark-based Southeast Asian Airlines (SeAir) denied that his company was acting as a front for Singapore's Tiger Airways when it applied for permits to serve local and international routes that Cebu Pacific had blocked before the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB).

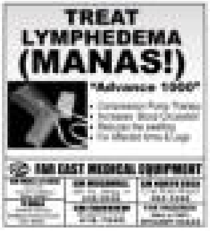
"That's not true," Avelino Zapanta, SeAir president, said of Cebu Pacific's claim that SeAir had struck a tie-up with Tiger Airways.

SeAir is applying for the authority to service the following routes: Clark-Davao-Clark, Clark-Cebu-Clark, Clark-Manila-Clark and Clark-Singapore-Clark.

Zapanta also said SeAir's lease of two, 180-seat Airbus 320 from Tiger Airways and its use of the latter's global reservation system were all being paid for by his company.

SeAir pioneered airline operations in Clark in 1994, with a fleet of ninety LET 410 UPVE and four Dornier 328 planes.

Zapanta said he was expecting to















PLDT '06 income reached ₱31.5B

But telco's Q4 net profit fell due to peso's strength



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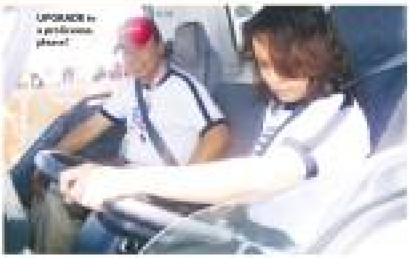


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A quick car

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'Truckers' . . .

The results



MOTORING



'Truckers' that are not fuel guzzlers

By Tessa R. Salazar

WHAT'S THE first thing you would do when you see a convoy of firetrucks racing on the highway like there wasn't a tomorrow? You get the hell out of the way, of course, because it could be someone's house that these trucks are desperately trying to save.

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THE GIRLS behind Kengkoy





Robinsons Malls has set up Entrep Corner, a venue for young business and entrepreneurship students to showcase their unique merchandise and services



MINTAW'S

Young entrepreneurial ideas

By Cheryl Tiu
2bU Correspondent
Photos by Jon Gomez

YOUNG MINDS ARE BRILLIANT. They are fresh, candid and usually brimming with creative ideas. However, young people don't have a platform to showcase their intelligence and ingenuity. Thus, it's commendable that Robinsons Malls has set up the Entrep Corner, a homegrown developmental project that provides conducive venues in their malls for student entrepreneurs (usually 20 years old and below) to show their merchandise and services.

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MOCHILLA'S comfy and functional bags







THE author with a towering Mark Stoermer. Grand Hyatt, Melbourne.

Interview with The Killers' Mark Stoermer

By Jofe Manalo
PDI Contributor



STOERMER, Vannucci, Keuning and Flowers do a different kind of Lance Armstrong at the "Read My Mind" video shoot in Tokyo.

MY LOVE AFFAIR with "The Killers" started back in early 2004 when the band was starting to make heads turn in the United Kingdom. During one of our frequent CD swapping sessions, a friend slipped me a downloaded copy of two early cuts, "Smile Like You Mean It" and "Somebody Told Me," from the debut album, "Hot Fuss." The combination of synthesizers straight out of a '80s outer space B-movie, dance rock beats (that soon defined most of music that came out that year) and some of the cheekiest lyrics in a pop song since, well, the decade of decadence made me hit the repeat button for the next two hours.

As soon as the powers that be decided that Pinoys were ready for "Hot Fuss," I literally rushed to the nearest record store and parted with my hard-earned cash. For months, my player blasted ditties about Jenny, Andy, Natalie and Mr. Brightside. Pretty soon radio followed, then global domination: When U2, Coldplay and Robbie Williams cover your single ("All These Things That I've Done") and Cameron Diaz shakes her behind to "Brightside" on the big screen, you know you have it made.

To date, "Hot Fuss" has sold over five million copies around the world and was included in Roger Dimery's book, "1001 Albums You Must Hear Before You Die."

Las Vegas roots

Dubbed by some journalists as "the best British band from America," the pompous foursome (made up of the enigmatic lead vocalist Brandon Flowers, Dave Keuning on guitar, Mark Stoermer on bass and vocals, and Ronnie Vannucci Jr. on drums and percussion) hails from Las Vegas. Everyone was surprised about the band's roots, but it made sense.

If there was any part of America that the androgynous Mr. Flowers, who kept us guessing with his Bowie eyeliner and screaming pink suits, could come from, it would just have to be Sin City. And it was the band's hometown that served as inspiration for its heavily anticipated sophomore effort, "Sam's Town." This time, though, the band went down the bling and pop homage to the grit of Nevada's desert land.

Although "Sam's Town" still has a smattering of the band's signature synthesizers, the album's apparent departure from "Hot Fuss" has been debated by critics and fans alike. The influential music press at Rolling Stone asked, "Why, Killers? Why?" They slapped the album a measly two-star rating.

Teenage girls were appalled that the former metrosexual kings ditched their flashy duds in favor of spaghetti Western and heaven forbid, facial hair! And what's with every other Internet article alluding "Sam's Town" to Bruce Springsteen?

Last January, The Killers headlined Australia's touring Big Day Out music festival and it was during an ordinary one-on-one session with Mark Stoermer at Melbourne's Grand Hyatt that the big Boss question was brought up.

"I think that was really blown out of proportion because Brandon did a couple of interviews while we were writing the songs and people were asking him what he was listening to and he said he was inspired by Springsteen," Stoermer said.

Labeled by fans as the "quiet giant," the 6'5" Stoermer was quick to add, "We still like all the other bands we liked before and as individuals we have our own influences ... I mean we respect Bruce Springsteen as an artist but he's just one of hundreds [that influenced] our music here]."

I gave the album a spin for the 10th time, and I wanted to see where Stoermer was getting at. If at all, "Sam's Town" has taken its cues from U2's "The Joshua Tree," combining rootsy Americana with dream-laden arena anthems. It's no surprise that the album's legendary producers, Alan Moulder and Mark "Flood" Ellis, were individually responsible for some of U2's most memorable work, including the aforementioned album.

Working with two of the industry's elite, according to Stoermer, was like having "professors of our own. We would play the songs and they would kind of sit there and say, 'I think this is good because of this' and 'maybe this one needs work.' They didn't necessarily dictate ideas, they tried to draw ideas out of you. And I think it worked out really well, because we really didn't want anyone else to get in our creative circle before."

Platinum

Despite initial mixed reviews, "Sam's Town" has gone on to dispute the curse of the sophomore slump. It debuted at No. 2 on Billboard, and at No. 1 on the UK and Canadian charts. It looks like The Killers are making their decisions count. In its first months in the market, the album has become platinum, selling more than 2.5 million copies worldwide.

"When You Were Young" topped the US Modern Rock charts and is a mainstream perfect single to set the tone for the album, showcasing Keuning's swirly guitar work and the heavy drum beats from Vannucci that make Flowers' warble seem, well, endearing. The follow-up "Bones" is a frenzied cacophony of organs, horns and synths layered with a multi-track chorus. Albeit not as successful as its predecessor, its music video is in itself a masterpiece, directed by cult favorite Tim Burton ("Edward Scissorhands," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory").

Perhaps the gem to be unearthed from "Sam's Town" is the latest release, "Read My Mind." According to Flowers in a recent radio interview, this is "the best song they have ever written" and even Rolling Stone would have to agree, featuring it No. 12 on its list of The 100 Best Songs of 2006.

There is only one word to aptly describe it—fun. During the band's impressive sold-out concert at Festival Hall in Melbourne, "Read My Mind" got the 7,000 member audience closer. But there was no sameness and singing, "I don't mind if you don't mind," was "I don't shine if you don't shine" in pristine unison, which is commendable for a song that hasn't even been out at radio at that time.

Directed by the renowned Diane Martel, "Read My Mind" was shot in Tokyo during the band's Japan visit in early January. Why Japan? "Japan is always interesting," said Stoermer. "We love it so much there, probably 'cos it's the most different from where we come from." The video is quintessentially quirky Japanese. From arcades, Shibuya crossing and a green Godzilla mascot to quirkier cupcake bands and a dancing Elvis impersonator. I asked if there was any thought put into the video concept, to which he laughs. "It was just our attempt to make a light hearted video. I guess [the video] is our concept, or our perception about being in Japan. It shouldn't meant to be over analyzed."

This sort of carefree thinking was applied in "Sam's Town's" birth process as well. "I don't think you could force something. If you tried, it wouldn't be very good if you did. People were always asking, 'What were you thinking going into this record?' We were kind of thinking the same thing when we did 'Hot Fuss.' We wrote the songs the same manner as before. It's just we're different people now so something came out of us that's different."

Yes, "Sam's Town" is "different," all right. Some people felt disappointed and alienated by the band's obvious divergence from the sound and image that catapulted them into the musical atmosphere in 2004. But give these guys a break. If there are any comparisons to be made between The Killers' two studio releases, it would seem that the lyrics appear to be less restricted and infinitely above the members' maturity. Chief songwriter Flowers has moved on from writing about jealousy and questionable sexual affairs to deeper, darker topics that hit close to home. "My List" speaks about his devotion to his wife Tana Mundkowsky (much to the dismay of girls everywhere). On my personal favorite "Bling (Confessions of a King)," Flowers confirms in another interview that the song was written about his alcoholic father. The apocalyptic title track impeccably summarizes as to the running theme throughout the album of superseding their former deadlines of being hellbent and preposterous (in a "terrorist town" ("Read My Mind," "Sam's Town," "For Reasons Unknown")).

Like it or not, The Killers have grown up, facial hair and all, and have earned the right to sing about Uncle Sam and success while wearing their best cowboy duds. After all, they are one of the best American bands that come from America.



THE KILLERS, on location during the "Read My Mind" video shoot: Dave Keuning, Brandon Flowers, Ronnie Vannucci and Mark Stoermer.

Young entrepreneurial ...

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pebbles in easy-to-use sizes (Alex, the smallest) which can be served plain or topped with Gruyere, Leek or Lolla. "We made them bite-size so they're easier to eat because it's difficult to slice from the larger, original size," Gee Quimbo said.

7) Ice Mango Tea. It is a refreshing tea drink made out of real petal infusions. "We found out that since edible as we decided to make one out of it," Ambassador Ansers said. "It has a lot of benefits, too."

Health benefits of the tea include Vitamins C, E, the B group and Carotene. It also contains calcium, which is vital to the growth of bones and teeth. It also fights colds, pharyngitis, bronchitis and other diseases. And it is sold for the very affordable price of P50 for 300 ml, and has a shelf life of three months at room temperature, and six months in the refrigerator.

8) Sunday Morning Ice Cream Bar. Homemade gourmet ice cream is always a treat, especially with unconventional flavors such as Tasty Margarita, a brilliant blend of tequila and lime; Rocky Dough, frozen chocolate cookie dough with classic vanilla ice cream; and Granny Smith's Rhubarb, which has caramel, apples and cinnamon. Burst the heat with these delicious flavors that go for P30 per scoop and P70 per two 2 scoops.

The Ambassadors Malls' Startup Center exhibit is at the East Wing, LG, Robinsons Galleria. It runs until March 22.

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From boyish to beautiful

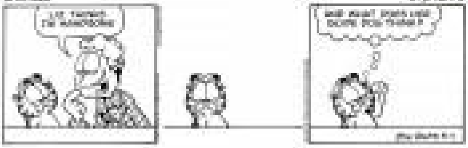
By Cheryl Peñaso

MY BROTHER IS PRETTIER than I am. And he is so without even trying. No, he's not gay or anything of that sort, he was just born with the pretty features that I was supposed to have.

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Comic Relief

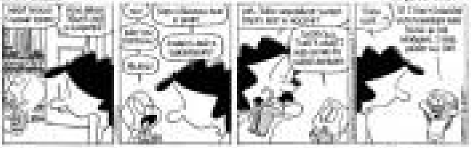
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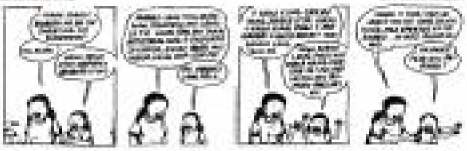
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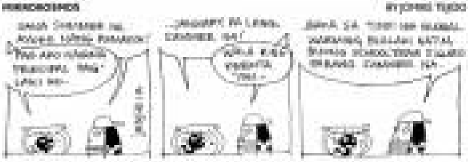
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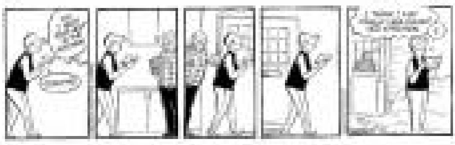
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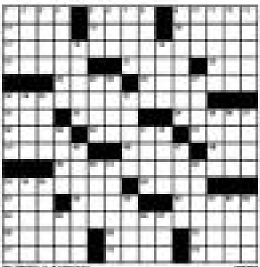
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Answer to previous puzzle



YENG Constantino—first-ever winner of "Pinoy Dream Academy"—in her outfit for hip fashion brand Penshoppe

'Pinoy Dream Academy' finalists turn dreamy, style-wise



CHAD Peralta and Panky Trinidad are the ones seen sing in the bunch, favoring rock songs when performing.





PDA winner Yeng and runner-up Jay-R Siaboc sound good together. At left photo, the Top 6 scholars kick off their world tour with a concert at Cebu Coliseum.

Scholars now have a uniform!

By Nico Mark M. Sablan
INQ7 Correspondent

WEARING A UNIFORM IN SCHOOL may be a burden to some students. Wearing a uniform after school is even worse. But for the Top 6 scholars of "Pinoy Dream Academy," wearing one even after they have graduated from the Academy is definitely cool.

The Top 6 scholars of the show—Yeng Constantino, Jay-R Siaboc, Ronnie Liang, Panky Trinidad, Chad Peralta and Irish Fullerton—are now official endorsers of Penshoppe. The hip fashion brand sees upon a winner among the youth when it sees one. And when they saw the dreamers, they didn't hesitate signing them to be their models.

Why the scholars? The scholars are those who have already gone full blast in making their dreams come true. They are those who are making the most out of their time, resources and gifts, those who are driven by excellence and an innate fire to win.

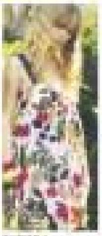
Penshoppe introduced their newest models to the press in Cebu recently. That same night, the seven had a free concert at Cebu Coliseum to kick off their world tour. Garbed in customized Penshoppe clothes made by local designers, the dreamers looked good and ready to take on the real world.

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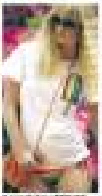


JAY-R Siaboc, a younger version of Jericho Rosales, hails from Cebu and is now making ripples nationwide.

Summer frolic



EMPIRE dress



RAINBOW-STRIPE blouse

DRESSING UP FOR THE FUN OUTDOORS comes easy with Dorothy Perkins' Spring/Summer 2007 Collection.

Smock and baby doll dresses come in vibrant, citrus shades with super-sized floral prints. Soft cotton smocked dresses are in touched hues. There are also subtle neutrals and blues, plus neon and fluorescent flashes to spontaneity. Revive the retro-era with key long-line T-shirt dresses and sports perks. The collection's summery and nostalgic palette's highlighted red, yellow and blue.

Tiers-up shorts and color-block printed tunic stimulate for a dreamier, frothy look. This gives a sultry edge to sensual day fashion.

Dorothy Perkins also offers sharply tailored high-waisted culottes, lightweight goosy bow cardigans, and bright silky smock tops.

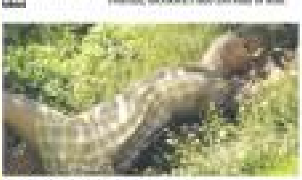
For a chic approach on poolside and beach fashion, cover up with acid brights and printed sheer kaftans with gold accessories. Metallic pieces positively shine this season and are perfect for printed outfits.

With over 600 stores in the UK and 52 international outlets, Dorothy Perkins brings its hip, new style to Filipino fashionistas. Dorothy Perkins stores are located at Robinsons Galleria, Power Plant Mall, The Podium, Glorietta 3 and SM Mall of Asia.



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Movie press film awards set

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UPLIFTING PERFORMANCE
British jazz pianist and singer Jamie Cullum soars during his performance on Sunday at the Java Jazz Festival in Jakarta.





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Concert repeat

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Dolly Anne Carvajal

Rocking Manila





SECRET CEREMONY
LONDON—Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley married Indian businessman Arun Nayar (the couple's seen here in a file photo) in a secret ceremony on Friday, a day before the couple were due to host a lavish wedding party at the Sudeley Castle in southwest England, British media reported on Saturday.

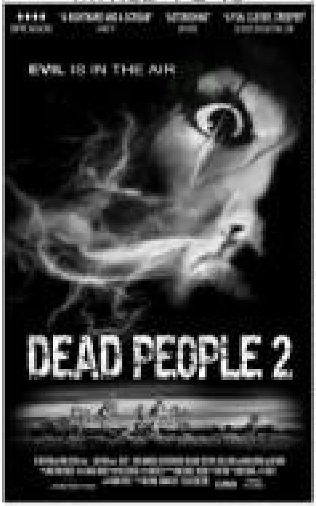
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"KASAL, Kasali, Kasalo"

Movie press film awards set

"PACQUIAO: THE MOVIE," THE WORLD boxing champion Manny Pacquiao biopic starring Jericho Rosales, is in the running for a Movie of the Year trophy, along with "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," "Nobelle," "Don't Give Up On Us," "Ligalig" and "You Are The One."

The Philippine Movie Press Club will hand out the 23rd Star Awards for Movies at the University Theater in UP Diliman on March 21 at 7 p.m.

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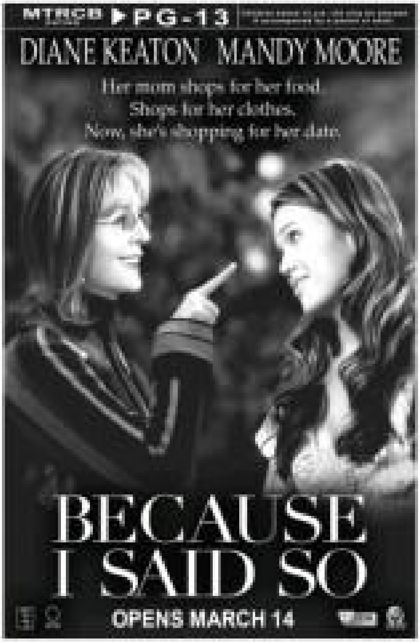
Studios opt to use titles more like brand names

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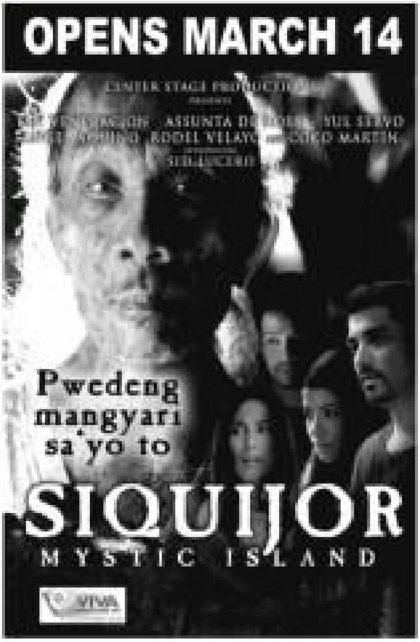
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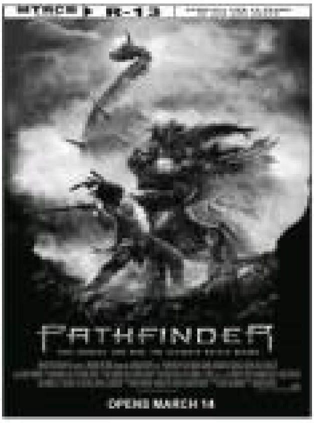


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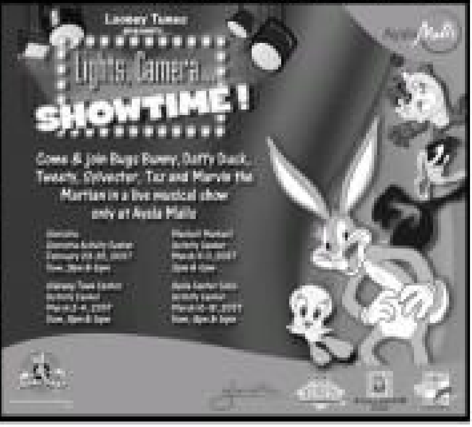
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LOS ANGELES — "High five!" and "It's nice" … Reuters

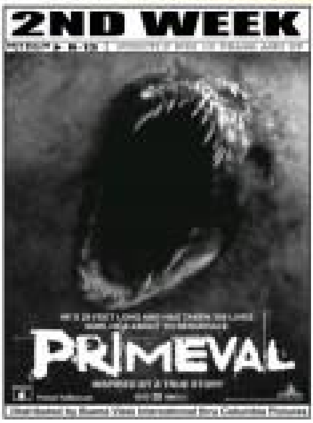








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